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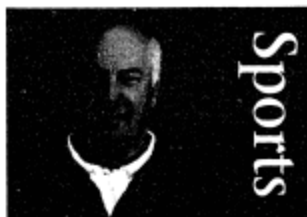


Rock climbing becomes popular as temperatures rise.

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Gary Frederick steps down from athletic director position.

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## Caps will fly at commencement

KCWU learns lesson from Spring Bash failure

Spring Bash 1999, hosted by KCWU, didn't reach its goal of 500 attendees. Only 180 people showed up, causing KCWU to lose approximately \$2,200.

Chris Hull, general manager of KCWU, said he thought several aspects contributed to the low attendance: not enough early advertising, no big name headliners, change in location, and a change in the beer supplier.

Held last year on a grassy section of the fair grounds, this year's Spring Bash was held in the dirt tent, taking a lot of dust in the wind.

Last year the Central Marketing Club sponsored the Spring Bash beer garden whereas this year it was provided by the Yellow Church Cafe. The Cafe charged \$3 per beer versus last year's venue which charged \$10 for 20 tickets each worth one beer which attracted a number of students.

The money that paid for Spring Bash came out of KCWU's main account which holds both its Services and Activities monies and revenue KCWU brings in from hosting dances and other events with its mobile DJ service. Hull said he expects the lost money will be replaced with future revenue.

Residence Hall Council members receive awards

Fifteen members of the Residence Hall Council (RHC) were in Lacrosse, Wis., from May 26 to May 30 for the largest RHC conference of year.

Central's delegation won the following awards:

—Central won the "Spirit Award."

—Chairman Jon Hudson was named "Student of the Year" (nationally).

—Vice Chairman/National Communications Coordinator Mark Kendrick was named "National Communications Coordinator of the Year" (regionally).

—Don Yackley was awarded "Adviser of the Year" (regionally).



by Jessica Terrel  
Staff reporter

Central President Ivory Nelson will hand out 1,120 bachelor's diplomas and 62 master's degrees to eagerly waiting graduates during Central's 108th Ellensburg graduation commencement Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at Tomlinson Stadium.

The 1999 Silver Cortège, a select group of students in junior standing who have achieved high academic excellence at Central, will lead the procession of graduates into the stadium.

Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland will give the commencement address. Sutherland is a 1959 graduate of Central with a bachelor's degree in history.

William Schmidt, professor of instructional media and director of Central's educational technology center, will end his 37-year career at Central as the 1999 faculty marshal. He will lead the faculty procession and carry the university mace.

"To graduate at the advent of the new century is exciting in terms of grand opportunities, but also sobering in terms of many problems needing solutions and there will clearly be no lack of challenges," Schmidt said.



(Above) Central President Ivory Nelson congratulates one of many graduates at last year's commencement ceremony.

(Left) Bleacher seats at Tomlinson Field fill up quickly and many people bring lawn chairs to sit on during the ceremony.

photos courtesy of Nance Bracken

## S&A funds theatre, music

by Karl Edle  
Staff reporter

The members of the Services and Activities Fee Committee met with some difficult decisions concerning their budget recommendations for the 1999-2000 school year.

"I'd like to commend this committee on working so hard, and making some very tough choices," President Ivory Nelson said at the beginning of a meeting on Tuesday, May 25 in Club Central.

The meeting was called to address budget cuts the committee made for next year, specifically the music and theatre arts departments and the Wildcat Wellness Center.

The original budget which was released in early May allocated no money to music and theatre, and \$25,000 to the Wildcat Wellness Center. The groups had requested \$90,529, \$65,000, and \$52,948 respectively.

The primary issue was whether the S&A Fee Committee should give money to academic programs such as

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—Walter Waddel

music and theatre.

Academics are supposed to be the domain of the provost, but in the past S&A dollars had funded music and theatre because the programs are oriented around community-involved activities.

"It's not that we don't value the programs, it's that the university should fund them. We're sending a clear message to the administration," S&A Chair Walter Waddel said.

Nelson agreed with the committee's decision.

"[These are] academic program[s], and should be funded that way," agreed Nelson.

Nelson proposed the committee

take \$100,000 from the \$400,000 allocated for the SUB bonding project, and give \$10,000 apiece to theatre and music, and \$80,000 to other under-funded off-campus projects.

Theatre and music would also get \$10,000 apiece at the end of the year from the rollover of money that inevitably occurs when S&A-funded organizations do not use all of the money they are given.

This plan met with some concern from committee members, who were not comfortable promising money that they were not positive would be there.

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## Flood threats are over

by Krissie Hughes  
Staff reporter

April showers might bring May flowers, but the warm weather of June brings flooding to Ellensburg's rivers and creeks.

Ellensburg generally sees creek flooding problems every spring from the melting of mountain snowpack.

This spring has already seen flooding from Wilson Creek; however, many believe Ellensburg has seen the worst for this year.

"Overall, I estimate that we've seen the flooding peak and it shouldn't get any worse."

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## Campus Cops



May 25, 9:48 a.m.

Police responded when a female fainted in the library. She was taken to the Health Center.

May 25, 10:14 a.m.

Police responded to a civil dispute in the Wahle apartments. No charges were filed.

May 25, 11 a.m.

Police responded to a hit and run report in the T-22 parking lot. The left rear panel of a Nissan car had been hit. Police are still investigating.

May 25, 3:20 p.m.

Officers responded to a hit and run incident in front of Kamola Hall. A white car was hit in the front bumper.

May 26, 12:10 p.m.

Residents in Sue Lombard Hall reported four library books and a textbook were stolen from the room. Estimated loss is approximately \$120.

May 26, 1:15 p.m.

Police issued a DUI to a 47-year-old man when they saw the man driving up onto a sidewalk and swerving outside his lane.

May 26, 10 p.m.

Police responded to a report of malicious mischief. A fire extinguisher, valued at \$45, was stolen from a residence hall.

May 27, time unknown

Police responded to a vehicle prowling in the H-18 parking lot. Witnesses saw two white men, approximately 18 years old breaking into the car. A stereo, camera and other items were stolen. Estimated loss is \$1315.

May 27, time unknown

A Camaro hit the fence on the north side of the baseball field on 18th Street. The owner was contacted and he said he hit the fence to avoid a collision with another vehicle. He has offered to pay for the damages.

May 28, 11:45 a.m.

An accounting book valued at \$85 was stolen from a man in the library.

May 31, 9:05 p.m.

A basset hound was picked up in the Student Village parking lot. The officer that picked up the dog said could not find an owner, and took the dog to the animal shelter.

## FLOOD: It's going to be mellow

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Director of Central Facilities Management Bill Vertrees said.

On average, Whiskey Creek, Mercer Creek, and Wilson Creek are the local waterways most likely to flood in the spring.

While Reece Creek and Currier Creek have flooded in the past, they generally spill over earlier in the year.

The most recent major flooding problems occurred in early 1996 when high melting caused a majority of Ellensburg waterways to flood.

Ellensburg Public Works Director John Akers attributes the local flooding to the severity of yearly

“I think we’re going to see a constant level of run-off.”

—John Akers

snowpack, log jams, and occasional irrigation problems.

While many residents are not affected by the local flooding, residents living close to potential flood areas can work with the city to prevent damage to their homes.

“Generally, I would say that our community responds to this crisis quite well,” Akers said.

This year’s winter brought 180 percent of a normal snowpack. However, due to a cool spring, snow packs have melted at a slower rate, resulting in a normal rate of run off.

“I think we’re probably going to see a consistent level of run off,” Akers said.

Many Central students have become involved in the prevention of flooding on campus. A natural disaster list was compiled of students interested in helping with the flooding if necessary.

“If it does flood, I hope to see people band together like they did last time,” senior Jamie Heslin said.

## Search committee finalized

by Nao Miura  
Staff reporter

Due to the announced resignation of President Ivory Nelson in April 2000, Central’s Board of Trustees has been kept busy with the assignment of finding a new president.

Roger Fouts, psychology professor, has been selected as the chair of the search committee by the BOT, along with Jay Reich as vice chair, and trustees Judy Yu and Mike Sells as members of the committee.

In addition, the 14 member Presidential Search Committee will consist of faculty members, adminis-

trators, classified employees, alumni and students. The final committee membership will be made final during the July 11 BOT meeting.

The search committee will provide the BOT the names of five to eight candidates who it believes have the credentials, experience, values and potential to lead the university.

The ASCWU-BOD will select two students who will serve on the committee to represent students.

“Students are a key constituency,” Gwen Chaplin, chair of the BOT, said, “and we want to have their participation in this important decision.”

Chaplin said students bring energy and insight to the teamwork needed to achieve the committee’s goal.

“It’s good that we get to participate and have a voice,” ASCWU-BOD President Bruce Eldund said.

The Search Committee will meet with the Strategic Planning Committee before July 1, and the BOT expects the committees to provide a recommendation of a consulting firm, a budget for its work and the finalized presidential leadership criteria by the end of July.

The BOT expects the names of presidential candidates by January 1, 2000.

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# STDs high at universities

by Jessica Terrel  
Staff reporter

Sixty percent of college students contract a sexually transmitted disease during their college careers according to a recent study by University of Washington professor Jeanne Marrazzo. This, Marrazzo said, makes college students more likely than prostitutes to spread STDs.

Family nurse practitioner Kristin Karns, who works at the Student Health and Counseling Center, said 60 percent of positive testing for all STDs in Kittitas County reported to the state is sexually active students. Karns said the most common STDs at the CWU clinic have been genital warts, herpes and chlamydia. These are contracted only through sexual contact.

Karns said specific statistics about STDs are hard to give out because of both availability and privacy issues. She said the instances of some STDs, such as genital warts (HPV), are often not reported, which means statistics about them are merely anecdotal.

"HPV is mostly a silent infection," Karns said. "Many people who have it don't know it. The same is true for herpes."

Karns said the Student Health and Counseling Center tests about 1000 students each year for some sort of STD.

This is because Central provides a large number of yearly female examinations, which include some STD testing.

"It is not unusual to see students come back a second time to be tested for another STD or they may have had more than one STD to begin with," Karns said.

Some students opt to visit the Kittitas County Health Department for STD testing. The Kittitas County

## 1998 Kittitas County STD Rates

Chlamydia - 46 cases

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Genital Herpes - 12 cases

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PID (females only) - 2 cases

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NGU (males only) - 1 case

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Gonorrhea - 0 cases

HIV/AIDS - 0 cases

Health Department said in 1998 students (ages 15-24) were 80 percent of those tested for chlamydia. Kittitas County ranks has the 24th highest rate of chlamydia out of the 39 counties in Washington.

Health educator Anne Riley said 296 county residents were tested in 1998 for HIV/AIDS, with one third being Central students. All tests came back negative.

"The overall risk for getting STDs is having multiple partners and if two people plan on starting a new relationship, both parties should get tested for HIV/AIDS and STDs and every time use condoms," Riley said.

Sophomore community health major Jessica Kindler was unaware sixty percent of college students have some form of STD.

"I am surprised that it is so high, I thought people were smarter than

that," Kindler said.

Freshman paramedics major Margaret Luttrupp was also intrigued with the high rate.

"People are not aware of what diseases are out there in the world and do not seem to be protecting themselves," Luttrupp said.

Carol Seagraves, manager of Planned Parenthood in Ellensburg, said her agency does not keep track of who comes in for STD testing. However, she estimates fifty percent are Central students and close to half of those are tested for chlamydia.

Statistics for the entire state of Washington for 1998-99: 10,997 people have tested positive for chlamydia, 1,949 people have tested positive for gonorrhea, 60 have tested positive for early syphilis and from 1982-1999 there have been 8,639 cases of HIV/AIDS.

# Flight students get a break

by Noel Siler  
Staff reporter

Central's flight tech program has struck a new deal with Horizon Airlines ensuring Central graduates a faster track to employment.

Instead of requiring new pilots to have at least 1000 hours of flight time, graduates of Central's flight tech program are required to have only 750 hours of flight time to qualify for an internship with Horizon.

1999 is the first year Central and Horizon have worked together and already five out of seven pilots have been picked to join Horizon Airlines. This has been named the "Preferred Hiring Program."

Horizon's program originated at the University of North Dakota where 30 flight tech students applied for the Horizon program and 13 were hired.

Once Central's flight tech program learned of North Dakota's success, Central decided to negotiate an agreement with Horizon Airlines.

A select group of flight tech graduates from Central are picked to be interviewed by Horizon. The "Preferred Hiring Program" is different from regular hiring procedures because the select pilots have significantly lower flight experience than pilots under Horizon's regular application process.

Coordinator of Central's flight tech program Ken Siegel said graduating pilots are what Horizon is looking for.

Horizon has learned that hiring students with lower flight hours has been more successful because they perform better with training from Horizon to complete their 1000 flight hours.

"CWU students will actually perform as well or better than someone without the little flight time experience with a commercial airline. It's better than getting 1000 hours of mediocre training," Siegel said.

Siegel also said this agreement is beneficial to Central's graduating pilots and it provides Horizon with highly qualified and competent pilots.

The program is very competitive among graduating pilots. Graduation dates, academic performance, flight performance, and training consistency are the deciding factors that Central uses to decide who will get an interview with Horizon.

Having lower flight hours does not mean a lower salary for newly hired Horizon pilots. Once the pilots join Horizon, they train for three months as part of their internship.

Screening of the candidates happens each February and the recommended applicants are sent to Horizon.

Flight Tech student Adam Hannukane is excited about the new agreement with Horizon.

"It gives graduating students an edge of possibly getting hired. I see myself doing this program and I am confident it will set me up for a successful future," Hannukane said.

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# ASCWU

Associated Students of Central Washington University

The 1998-1999 ASCWU-BOD extends a big *Thank You* to all of the students involved in committees, clubs, and organizations this year. Your involvement makes Central a better place.

We would also like to wish *Best of Luck* to the 1999-2000 BOD!

The CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP would like to thank the C.E.L. Advisory for a great year. Thanks also to all of the volunteers for helping to make "Dream Big"—An Evening of Recognition a success.

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*Amy Gillespie,  
1998-1999 CWU Student Trustee*



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# OPINION

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## Observance

### Now is the time to kill the athletic fee

To the relief of many in our campus community, this is the final time I will be allowed to have my say in the Observance. Although many would probably like me to quit ranting, I can't leave my editor position without getting a couple of things off my chest.

Issue number one: our beloved \$35 per quarter Athletic Fee. The student election to tax ourselves was held in the spring of 1997. Typical of our student elections, very few students turned out to vote and the fee was passed presumably by the members of our athletic teams. Now we have an established fee to fill the coffers of the Athletic Department even though the Athletic Fee Committee, which was supposed to oversee any allocations, has never met.

Freshmen and sophomores probably don't even know why they pay this fee. The benefit to paying \$105 a year is free admission to athletic events. Oh, boy! For those of us who aren't too interested in college athletics, or have schedules too busy to attend games, it doesn't make much sense. The money could be better used for something that actually benefits students' educations.

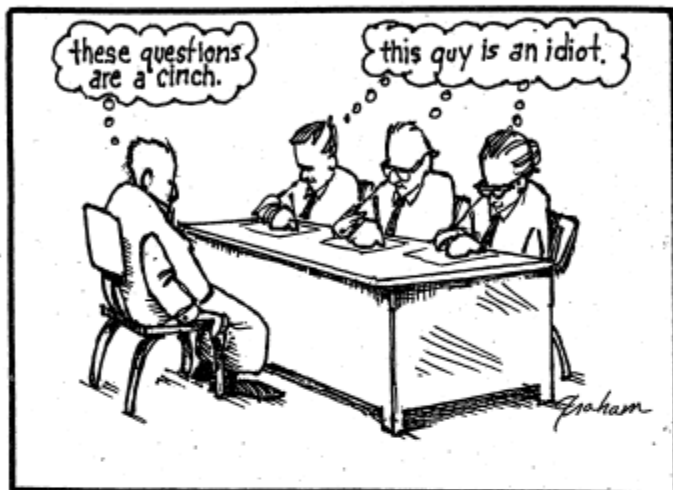
The Athletic Fee is not set in stone, however. Just like our student government members, the fee can be kicked out if students have the gumption to get enough signatures to request a new election.

Since we will soon have a new athletic director, now is the time to make the change.

Issue number two: the proposed 4.6 percent tuition increase. Just like every other year, our trustees are waiting for students to leave for the summer so they can pass an unpopular motion. For the first time, the state has decided trustees should set their university's tuition. Trustees have the option of not raising tuition or raising it as much as 4.6 percent. Our trustees have of course decided the highest increase possible is most reasonable. If you're going to screw us, at least have the decency to do it while we're here to speak for or against the increase. Localized tuition control is one of the most ill-conceived ideas to come out of Olympia this year.

With that said, I would like to thank the many people who work on the Observer for the countless hours of hard work which they put into each week's paper. Serving as editor has been challenging and mostly enjoyable.

—Tom Stanton



The Job Interview

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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"Elections in our country are not about 'closure,' but are guided by principles of fairness, openness and due process. Gillespie, in not making these three pillars central, evidences a suspiciously undemocratic political (and personal?) character better suited to brash despots than citizens of a democracy."

Jim Cadello, philosophy professor

### Student government is truly undemocratic

I am dismayed by (1) the refusal of the Election Commission to take any substantive action in response to the documented irregularities during the May 6 ASCWU elections, and (2) recent criticisms of the Observer.

First, I am appalled that newly-elected ASCWU President Kristy Gillespie opposed new elections because "she feared the election process might once again be tampered with." Her logic suggests that we should accept certifiably manipulated election results rather than reviewing, improving and reconstituting the process. Why? Because the

revamped processes might again be flawed. Such screwy logic begs us to accept improprieties because attempts to correct them might not work. Nonetheless, we shouldn't be shocked that Gillespie does not want a new election despite irregularities. After all, the tainted election put her and her cohorts into office. However, a person of integrity would not seek to reap advantages from processes that have been manipulated; a person of honor would not sweep under the rug irregularities for the sake of "closure" (whatever the hell such diversionary psycho-babble means in this context). Elections in our country are not about "closure," but are guided by principles of fairness, open-

ness and due process. Gillespie, in not making these three pillars central, evidences a suspiciously undemocratic political (and personal?) character better suited to brash despots than citizens of a democracy.

Second, to simply condemn the Observer for revealing problems in the election process is wrong-headed. We must be very careful about excoriating the press in circumstances where the only ways to expose fraud and impropriety are to dirty their hands in them. This is not offered as a blanket exception to the Bill of Rights for the press.

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but as a warning heed when considering condemnation of this institution integral to the defense of our liberties and with a history of exposing illegalities, improprieties and abuses of power. Clearly, the Observer in no way attempted to deceive; they did not hide their involvement, but reported irregularities. Unlike Gillespie, who wants to sweep problems under the rug, the Observer sought to bring them out into the open. Those who want to take action against the Observer, while not being outraged at attempts of elected officers to cover up irregularities, are misguided.

Jim Cadello  
philosophy professor

### Don't use our money to attack students

This is a friendly suggestion to the BOD of 1999-2000. I realize that on this campus it's not bylaws or high moral principles that guide the board's actions, but precedent set by past boards. It seems that if a past board executed an act, even if the deed was reprehensible, the next year's board feels a compulsion to do the same.

With this in mind, I would urge next year's BOD to not spend student money to attack and defame students, no matter how crafty you believe it seems. The board of 1997-98 thought it appropriate to take out a 3/4 page ad in the Observer to crush Alyson Bolles, whom they had earlier removed from the S&A Fee Committee unfairly. It was a spiteful action designed to demoralize a student, and it was paid for with student money.

Apparently precedent was set because this year's board, though not as blatantly, performed a similar deed. On the May 27 ASCWU page, paid for out of the BOD budget which comes from student funds, a

letter, occupying most of the page, was printed calling for the heads of the Observer staff, most notably the editor Tom Stanton. While the letter was ill-informed and ineffective, its intent was to harm the reputation of every student on the Observer, especially those who were brave enough to show how the election process must be changed. The BOD was embarrassed and struck back with malicious words funded by student money.

In little more than a week, the seven of you who make up the BOD for 1999-2000 will take office. I challenge you to go against precedent and just admit when you're wrong. Please end the cycle of student funds being used to try to settle personal vendettas of board members. Remember you were elected to represent every student at Central, not just the ones who blindly agree with you.

Troy Goracke  
student

### Work in the system, don't mock it

In response to last week's Observance, which declared the election process to be a joke. Having a reporter vote multiple times just to see if he could get away with it, does not constitute investigative journalism. And quite frankly, it seems to me that if the Observer has known about the errors of our voting system for over a decade, that perhaps the Observer should have taken a stand earlier in the year. Perhaps even working with the election commission to improve our system.

I realize that it must be fun to sit back and mock those students who do actually strive to make Central a better place, but it is unacceptable for the Observer to be such a reactionary tabloid. The process is a joke? Who's making it a joke?

Ryan L. Beckett  
student

## Central needs to do it right



Alan Gelmes  
Copy editor

Government, at all levels, whether it be national, state, city, or university, is required to follow certain procedures when holding meetings and making decisions. These rules are in place to prevent government from abusing the power given it by the people. Lately, Central's governing bodies have been manipulating the Washington State Open Meetings Act in order to keep the public in the dark about certain sensitive issues.

Whether or not these errors in procedure were deliberate, they have happened far too often. Bad habits are hard to break, and when rules are ignored for the sake of expediency or on a whim, no matter how innocent or well-meaning the intent is, the potential for abuse increases.

It is the duty of the press to monitor government and keep the public informed of violations. The Observer has let several procedural errors slide, foolishly presuming that they would not be repeated.

Earlier this year, for example, the Associated Students of Central Washington University's Board of Directors called a "special session" to discuss an anti-hate resolution. The event was not properly advertised (the Open Meetings Act says an agenda needs to be publicly posted 24 hours in advance), and the resolution was illegally passed. The Observer protested, and the resolution was deemed unconstitutional.

On March 5, the Board of Trustees excluded one of their own members, Student Trustee Amy Gillespie, from attending an executive session. An executive session is a meeting behind closed doors, an exception to the Open Meetings Act requirement that all meetings be open to the public. The BOT declared the executive session to discuss "personnel issues," more specifically, Ivory Nelson's performance at Central. While the actual content of the private session may have been

legitimate (the BOT has offered no explanation) and therefore closed to the public, a performance review is not a legal reason to exclude a member from the meeting.

In spite of this glaring mistake, the Observer simply wrote about the problem and optimistically expected no further recurrence.

A recent event has prompted the Observer to intervene in a more authoritative manner. The Election Commission and its adviser, John Drinkwater, called an executive session on May 19 to discuss (you guessed it) "personnel issues." Unfortunately for the Election Commission, it does not have the authority to hire, fire or conduct a performance review of public employees. In fact, the Election Commission doesn't even have employees.

Members of the Observer staff have sent a letter of complaint to Student Affairs and other campus authorities, asking that steps be taken to look into the problem. Hopefully, the problem will be resolved for good. After all, as much as the Observer likes to catch mistakes, watching boards and committees repeat their incompetence is not enjoyable.

The complaint is not an intrusive or drastic step to take. In fact, more decisive action is available. The Open Meetings Act allows anyone legal recourse against illegal executive sessions. One of the applicable violations is, "A public official who knowingly attends a meeting in violation of the Act" (RCW 42.30.120, 42.30.130). The penalty is \$100 plus legal fees. In this case, the public official could very well be the adviser, John Drinkwater, whose job it is to assist and guide the Election Commission in the right direction when they are about to make stupid decisions.

The intent of the complaint is to make the governing bodies of this university take note and do things the right way. Breaking the law repeatedly will eventually lead to punishment. Because unheeded protests force drastic measures, and anyone can file for legal action.

*Whether or not these errors in procedure were deliberate, they have happened far too often.*

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**Editor in chief:** He has the wisdom of youth, and the energy of old age.

## Students climb their way to the top

by Roslyn Biggs  
 Asst. Scene editor

With the sun beating hot against his back, Central freshman Daniel Bannister grapples for a hold far above his head. With the movement his body stretches, adding a few inches to his height. The movement is difficult, but Bannister quickly regains his balance and in doing so, looks down to discover the world looks a lot different from 40 feet up.

Bannister is one of several Central students who have discovered the thrill of rock climbing.

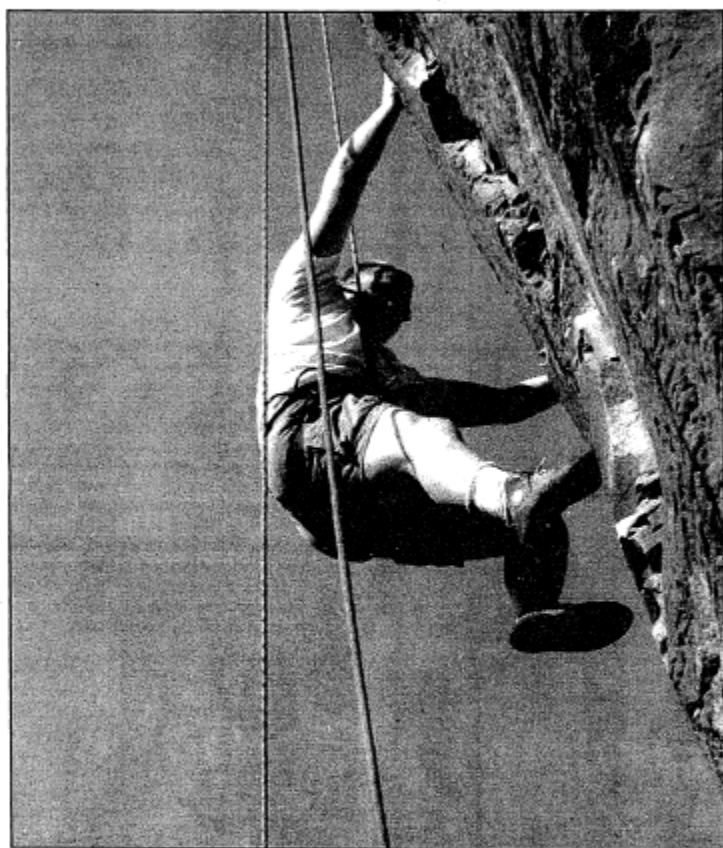
"It's a rush," Bannister said. "It's just like driving fast. Being 40 feet above the ground and having only a rope to save you definitely gets the adrenaline going."

While the rope is important, a number of additional aspects are also essential in the sport. Among these are a strong sense of balance and spatial orientation, a good grip, and probably most importantly, the ability to trust another individual with your life.

"Trust is very important," Erica Bottkol, a sophomore majoring in biology and anthropology, said. "If you do something unexpected and your partner isn't paying attention, then you're screwed."

The physical exercise involved in rock climbing is one of the obvious benefits of the activity, but one thing that is often overlooked is the extreme intellectual stimulation climbers experience.

"It's a giant puzzle," sophomore psychology student Jeremy Tidball said. "To be able to think things



Roslyn Biggs/Observer

Freshman Chris Powell tests his footing while rock climbing near Vantage. In recent years the sport has become popular among younger generations, who enjoy the individual competitiveness and adrenaline rush it offers.

See CLIMBING, Page 11

## Student to dive into cavern

by Daren Schuettelpeltz  
 Scene editor

People climb Everest because it is there. Others dive from a plane, cut their parachute in mid-air, plummet into a cavern only to release a second chute because they can.

The aforementioned event can be attempted in Oklahoma for a mere \$10,000. Brian Twillie, graduate assistant, will attempt the feat in July. He was scheduled to jump last weekend, but a dust storm caused a postponement.

"I'm doing it to see if I can," Twillie said.

Twillie is a former jump master for the military and wants to see if he can pull off the maneuver.

"It's an exercise in exact precision," Twillie said. "You either make it or you don't."

The event has only seen 12 attempts this year. Two of the 12 people who have tried the feat died. One person tried the jump during a dust storm, which is strongly discouraged. The other fatality occurred because the person didn't "have the timing."

The jump is forbidden by the FAA, so Twillie will make the jump over an Indian reservation.

## French Club hosts annual fundraising banquet

by Roslyn Biggs  
 Asst. Scene editor

Fifteen short minutes after being officially chartered by Club Senate, Central's French Club, Un Coin de France, held their first annual French Banquet at Austin's Eats last Thursday.

The banquet, featuring an authentic five course French meal, was held to raise money for two scholarships given to French language students hoping to travel abroad in the summer of 2000. Each meal was \$40 and with the moderate turnout, French professor Nathalie Kassel estimates around \$700 was raised.

Guests not only ate great food and helped deserving students, but broadened their cultural horizons in the process.

"I think this brings a deepened understanding of a different culture," Joy Martin, a senior majoring in French and Spanish, said. "Dining is a very French experience. In America we tend to focus on filling up, whereas in France, it's more of a ritual, an experience and a hobby."

Members of the club prepared most of the food, with help from Austin Smith of Austin's Eats. Entertainment was also provided by club members.

"We tried as hard as possible to make this as authentic as we could," Josh Lumsden, club president and French sophomore said.

Un Coin de France plans to make the event an annual occurrence and hopes for an even greater turnout at the next banquet, tentatively being planned for February or March of next year.



Margaret King/Observer

Nearly 40 people gathered at Austin's Eats for the first annual French Banquet Thursday. The banquet was held to raise money for students hoping to travel abroad.

## \* Central promotes campus with local photographers

by Tim Bortorff  
Staff reporter

Usually, budget cuts result in fewer opportunities for students and faculty. In this case, the opposite is true.

It was James Pappas, vice president for Enrollment Management and Marketing, who came up with the novel idea. Instead of hiring a costly freelance photographer to take pictures of Central, why not let those connected to Central (students, faculty, and administrators) take pictures of the campus?

Photos were needed for Central publications such as the Viewbook, which provides information about the university to prospective students.

"We wanted to harness the creative talent of people at this university," Pappas said.

Free film and developing of the pictures were given to those who participated in the program.

Money was needed to purchase the film and pay for the developing, so a \$1,500 Leonard Thayer Small Grant was allotted to the program. Thayer was a booster and graduate of Central.

From April 21 until May 25, free film was available at the Instructional Media Center in the library. Participants had until yesterday to return the exposed film to the IMC.

Kelly Totten, a junior majoring in anthropology and math, took the picture inside of the science building.

"It has a unique layout with nice colors," Totten said.

John Ebenal took a picture of the Japanese Garden. Ebenal is a graduate of Central and an accounting supervisor.

"We have one of the best looking campuses in the state," Ebenal said. "The garden is a pleasant place to relax."

**"We wanted to harness the creative talent of people at this university."**

—James Pappas

Josh Humphrey, a junior in music, took a picture of the Ganges.

"It's a nice place on campus," Humphrey said. "It's great to get the opportunity to experiment for free."

Greg Kummer is one of the organizers for the program. He hopes to continue the program the next time photos are needed for a Central publication.

"I hope it's a replacement for hiring a freelance photographer," Kummer said. "There are quite a few good pictures that we can use."

Approximately 25 people participated in the program this year.



Photos courtesy of the Media Center

These pictures by Kelly Totten (left) and John Ebenal (right) are among a group of photos being considered for publication in the Viewbook.

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## Better than Finals

Thursday, June 3

### MASTER THESIS ON DISPLAY

Graduate art student Cheryl C. will present her master's thesis, titled "Passenger," from June 1-4. The display will feature ceramic sculptures and color pastel drawings. Cheryl C.'s work will be featured at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery. The exhibit is free and gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### CHEMISTRY SEMINAR

Barb Eaton will present a lecture, "Carbene Intermediates From Photolysis of Phenylhydrazones" at 4 p.m. in room 203 of the Science Building. Erik Thronsdon will follow with a seminar titled "Hydrogen Bonding Interactions between Ester and Urethane Linkages in Small Model Compounds and Polyurethanes" at 4:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

### NORTHWEST JAZZ VOCALIST PERFORMS

Kelly Johnson, 1998 Northwest Jazz Vocalist of the year, will perform a free public show at 11:45 a.m. in the SUB.

### RUGARE MARIMBA ENSEMBLE

The Rugare Marimba Ensemble, featuring 23 percussion players from Richland's Marcus Whitman Elementary School, will present a free public show. Time and place of the event will be announced.

### STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

Several Central offices will host Student Appreciation Day featuring outdoor activities, games, a band and barbecue. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Activities and music are free; the barbecue is \$2 per person.

### SENIOR RECITAL

Sam Ormson will perform a saxophone recital beginning at 8 p.m. in the Hertz Hall auditorium.

Friday, June 4

### PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR

Four Central psychology students will present a free, public seminar, titled "Do You Remember Your Emotions Changing Your Opinions? Creating False Memories, Emotions and Opinions in Three Short Studies." The seminar begins Friday at 4 p.m. in room 147 of the Science Building.

### COMEDY NIGHT FINAL

Comedians Jay Wendell Walker and D.C. Malone will be featured in the last comedy night of the quarter. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for Central students with ID and \$3 for the public.

### JAZZ NITE I

Central students will perform Jazz Nite I, under the direction of Cathy Jensen-Hole. The show will begin at 8 p.m. in Hertz Hall. Admission is \$3, but students will be admitted free.

### AUSTIN'S EATS HOSTS SUN FESTIVAL

Austin's Eats will host the Sun Festival and Costume Contest, featuring the "Dank Valley Drifters" tonight beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 with costume or \$3 without. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 5

### STUDENT RECITAL

Kousuke Morioka and David Brown will perform a joint trumpet recital beginning at 5 p.m. in the Hertz Hall auditorium.

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Jackie Chan tries once again to rely solely on his lightning quick moves to carry a movie without a plot or acting.

## 'Twin Dragons' flops

by Cory Rikard  
Staff reporter

Jackie Chan has been in film-making for over 20 years. It may be time to retire. "Twin Dragons," his latest Kung-Fu flick, hit theaters everywhere May 28 and may not remain there for long.

While Chan is known worldwide as one of the best in martial arts film-making, comedy and complicated plots have never been his forte. The movie begins with one of Chan's two characters making a "deal" with his little friend, Tyson. Boomer, as Chan's first character is known, is a martial arts mechanic and big time dirtbag who owes the Mafia over \$300,000 for a botched car race and failed rescue attempt (don't ask why).

Whilst trying to avoid the mob, Boomer eventually runs into fancy pants John Ma, the other Chan character, who is a world famous symphony conductor. Raised in America, Ma had the best life had to offer, while Boomer spent his life raised by a drunk prostitute and fighting to stay afloat in society. Finally these two complete opposites find out they were separated at birth. Big surprise, right?

The movie careens back and forth, gaining confusion with each

developing scene and leaving the viewer wondering why this movie was ever conceived. From the horribly done superimposing of Chan to the lack of his signature style fighting, "Twin Dragons" left me twice as sick. While the plot was hard enough to follow, the infrequent fighting and martial arts action left me more disappointed.

Chan's vague attempt to throw his own brand of slapstick humor and goofy antics into the movie falls tremendously short. Instead of laughing, I found myself yelling at the screen to start the ass-whipping which never came. The coup-de-grace was the final fight scene where both characters must work together to beat the bad guy which was probably the only funny scene in this poor showing, and it wasn't intended to be humorous. Go figure.

"Twin Dragons" will hit video stores very soon, and I hope that the cover art is great because it will be nothing more than eye candy to the video shopper. If you willingly go see this flop, come back and see me and I will beat you with a soup ladle.

Jackie Chan is a fabulous martial artist, but he is not a great actor. Do what comes best to you.

Cory's verdict: 1/2 out of 5  
roundhouse kicks

## Student creates horror film

by Kristen Schwab  
Staff reporter

Fear, horror: these are at the heart of nightmares and they can be found in Ellensburg.

This summer, Anthony Abraham, a freshman in video communications, will produce and direct a low-budget horror movie "Nikki's Ghost."

"Nikki's Ghost" is one of a collection of Abraham's stories published in 1997 to be filmed in Ellensburg. Last summer Abraham, along with James Fox, a senior in psychology and cameraman for "Nikki's Ghost," produced and directed "Among the Dead," also written by Abraham.

Abraham said there is no dialogue in the movie other than subtitles, so the music is very important. "Barefoot Man" and "Indian John Hill" are bands that are being considered for part of the soundtrack.

"We're definitely looking for music that fits the scene," Leela Luck, a sophomore in fashion design and director of music for "Nikki's Ghost," said. "It will include techno, rock and some softer music."

When the movie is finished, copies will be given to video stores that rent independent videos, but at the moment extras are needed.

The rewards are immense, Fox said. "Seeing the product is really fulfilling, even more so than the money. Trying to convey what we have to say through film is really cool."

Anyone interested in becoming an extra may call Abraham at 963-9080.

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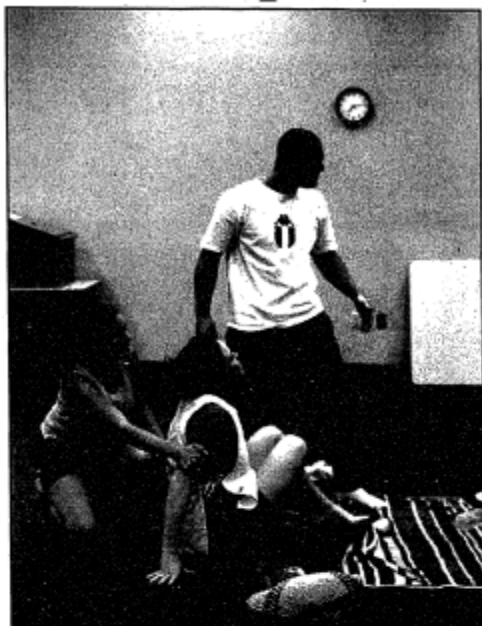
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# Students produce and star in plays



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Students enrolled in Spanish 457 will present two short Spanish plays, "Estudio en Blanco y Negro" and "El Delantal Blanco," today at Ellensburg H.S.

by Stephanie Barnett  
Staff reporter

Most Spanish majors who joined the Latin American theater class wanted to fulfill one of the required literature credits. Little did they know it would also be Acting 101.

On Thursday, June 3 at 8 p.m. in the intimate setting of Ellensburg High School's Little Theater, Javier Martinez de Velasco's Spanish 457 class will present two short plays.

The plays are free and open to the public, and they will be entirely in Spanish.

"We are aware of our audiences," Martinez de Velasco said. "We tried to make the speech easy to follow. I changed some of the wording because of local colloquialisms. But, even someone who doesn't speak Spanish can understand the action in the play."

Each play runs about 30 minutes. One, titled "Estudio en Blanco y Negro" (A study in black and white) is a Cuban comedy directed by students Kara Butsch and Zack Reeve. The plot explores the absurdity of human existence and the emptiness of words.

The other play is called "El Delantal Blanco" (The white uniform). This fast-moving Chilean piece challenges accepted social val-

ues and structures. It is directed by Hillary Thrift and Shawna Greene. In her first experience as director, Thrift hopes the play connects with the audience.

"I hope they enjoy it," Thrift said. "It could really make a person think."

The Latin American theater class held open auditions for the plays, and invited anyone who was willing to help. Greene is a guest director.

"I'm in the Spanish 253 class," Greene said. "Usually, I'm acting rather than behind the scenes, so I asked Javier if I could help direct. So, here I am."

Not everyone in the play is adept at Spanish, but through the plays, the students' ability to work with the language is improving.

"People are very fluent," Thrift said. "They talk in these plays like they speak Spanish in everyday life."

Martinez de Velasco is proud of his students.

"They have learned about linguistics, context and culture," Martinez de Velasco said. "Most importantly, they've become better friends."

He challenged students throughout the entire process. They spoke and worked only in Spanish. Many students mentioned feeling a great sense of accomplishment.

## CLIMBING: Old activity gains new fans

Continued from page 8.

through while you're scared is essential."

Within the last ten years, rock climbing has become increasingly popular. A number of people who lack interest in some of the more "traditional" sports have shown enthusiasm for rock climbing because it provides an opportunity for self-gratification on an individual level.

"One thing that's really cool about rock climbing is that it's a real individual sport," freshman Chris Powell said. "You don't have to conform to any rules, you can do your own thing. It's just you against the elements."

Non-climbers who have never experienced "the rush" firsthand may be reluctant to give rock climbing a try.

However, those who have been to

the top claim there is nothing to fear and the view is well worth the trip. Modern climbing equipment has been developed to the point of becoming virtually unbreakable; so as long as climbers are educated in how to use safety equipment properly, there is little threat of problems.

"There's really not a fear factor because it's very safe," Bottkol said. "I would say getting to the top is the most thrilling part."

About 30 miles from Ellensburg exists a climbing area well-known among local enthusiasts. Over time, a number of rock climbers have inserted metal bolts in a cluster of rocks surrounding the Columbia River Gorge and with the development, the site has become extremely popular.

Add in the spectacular view of the Columbia River valley and it is no wonder that climbers consider this spot the closest thing to natural perfection available near Ellensburg.



Roslyn Biggs/Observer

Central sophomore Erica Bottkol negotiates her way up one of the climbing routes along the Columbia River Gorge. Bottkol enjoys the thrill of "getting to the top."



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# SPORTS

## Sports Trivia

1. What was the score of this year's Cascade Cup?
  2. What was the Wildcat Volleyball team's record?
  3. Who started the basketball brawl between Central and Western?
  4. Who were the four Central wrestlers who reached the national tournament?
  5. Who led the baseball team in home runs?
- See page 15 for trivia answers

## Frederick steps down as athletic director

Gary Frederick put in his resignation as athletic director last week, and will be devoting his time to teaching and coaching

by Tara Rattray  
Sports editor  
Mike Wells  
Staff reporter

After 18 years of being the athletic director and serving as the women's softball head coach for the past five years, Gary Frederick has decided to hang up his suit and tie to focus on improving a 67-113 record on the diamond.

"I want to see if I can do something with the program (softball)," Frederick said.

Resigning from such a high position was not an overnight process for Frederick.

"I made the decision last month," Frederick said. "The demands of this position increase, as they should. To be fair to this position and the softball program they both need full-time commitment. Softball needs time and so does this job."

Frederick is not the only person who is glad he is devoting more time to softball.

"With the move up to a more difficult division, we are going to need more of his time," junior Niki Bahr said. "Not only will it be beneficial for the team, but also for Gary."

Frederick has been taking on multiple roles not only on the softball field but as women's

basketball head coach from 1983-1993. During the 10-year reign as head coach, the Wildcats posted a respectable 164-146 record.

Frederick guided Central to its only District I title in 1988 and twice was named District I Coach of the Year.

Frederick's decision to resign as athletic director was partially due to the current move to the NCAA Division II.

"Since I've been here I've done multiple jobs," Frederick said. "With the move to NCAA Division II the demands became more magnified."

Before Central's inaugural season at the NCAA D-II level this year, Frederick helped build the university into one of the top NAIA small-college programs in the country.

For 10 straight years, Central was ranked in the Top Eight in the NAIA Men's All-Sports competition, including winning the title in 1987.

Frederick began his days at Central in 1955. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1959. He then went on to earn a master's in physical education at Central.

Frederick's first coaching experience occurred in 1959 at Thorp High School, where he coached both basketball and baseball for one year. He then coached at Watsburg High School and Central Kitsap High School before returning to Central in 1967.

Upon his return, Frederick became assistant football coach and head baseball coach, beginning what would be more than 30 years of coaching experience at Central.

As head coach of the baseball team for 11 years, Frederick led the Wildcats to the NAIA World Series twice and was named District I

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Observer file photo

Gary Frederick will no longer be Central's athletic director come next fall. He will be using his extra time to teach and coach women's softball.



Doug Yuasa/Observer

Fishing is just one of the outdoor activities Ellensburg residents enjoy in their spare time during the summer.

## Summer brings outdoor fun

by Becki Matzen  
and Wendy Roberts  
Staff reporters

The academic school year may be coming to a close, but for many students staying in Ellensburg for the summer, the outdoor sports and other activities won't be.

As far as sports go in Ellensburg, get involved.

City softball and basketball leagues are always a sure bet for summertime sporting competition.

There are outdoor basketball courts around campus and other locations throughout town for those who wish to pass time by shooting hoops. Softball fields are always open for anyone who wants to get into the action.

There are tennis and volleyball courts all around Central's campus for those who are fans of those sports.

"I really enjoy the summers around Ellensburg," senior Tony Nelson said. "I play volleyball and

"There is a lot to do along the Yakima River."

— Angie Barnes

basketball and hang out at the pond. I also do a lot of fishing."

There are many different things to do for all types of people. Whether adventure seeking or relaxation, Ellensburg is a great place to be.

Many people opt for rafting down the Yakima River when they want to cool off in the summer's heat. Rafts are available to rent at Tent-N-Tube located in the SUB. The price is \$2 for a tube, \$15 for a raft or \$30 for the weekend.

"I really enjoyed water rafting," senior Todd Pettit said. "It was something to do and a bit of a challenge."

For those who would rather keep both feet on the ground when doing outdoor activities this summer, rent roller blades and roam around the city. Mountain High Sports, located at 105 E. Fourth Ave., supplies all the gear.

Golfing is another outdoor sport many students enjoy. Ellensburg offers two choices of greens, either at Carey Lakes Golf Course, for a short round, or at The Ellensburg Golf and Country Club for the avid golfer.

For a less expensive outing, hike the Manastash ridge also known as "The Book." Bike riding is another option for outdoor fun.

The fishing around the area is wonderful; try fishing on the Yakima or even the little ponds around the surrounding area.

"Fly fishing is great," senior Angie Barnes said. "There is a lot to do along the Yakima River."

Summer is a fun time and even though Ellensburg is small there are still things to do for an exciting summer of fun.



# Rodeo Club sends six women to nationals

## The women's Rodeo Club team qualified for nationals in Wyoming

by Jason Leavitt  
Staff reporter

Central's Rodeo Club is gearing up for nationals.

The team, consisting of Katy Miller, Cori Sizemore, Katie Stewart, Kelsey Kayser, Jodi Lowe and Lauren Whitney, make up a small number of the estimated 300-500 other contestants vying for a national title in Casper, Wyo. June 14-19.

The women qualified for nationals by taking second in their region, which consists of colleges and clubs from Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Regionals were held in Hermiston, Ore. over the weekend of May 22-23. Individual achievements were taken by Miller and Stewart.

Miller, a senior, took first in the region in barrel racing, with Stewart doing the same in breakaway roping.

"It was a good goal. It is an accomplishment to me because I am a senior and this is my last year to compete, so if anything it's a blessing in disguise," Miller said.

The other women were able to qualify by placing in the top 30 percent of their respected events.

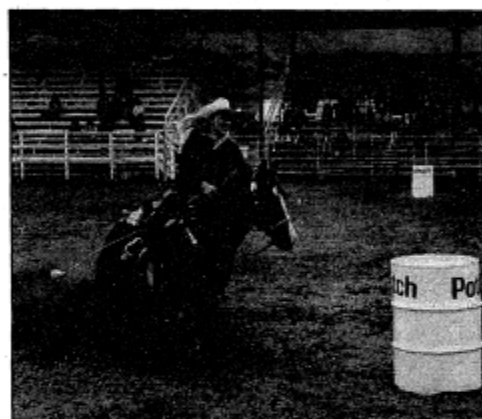
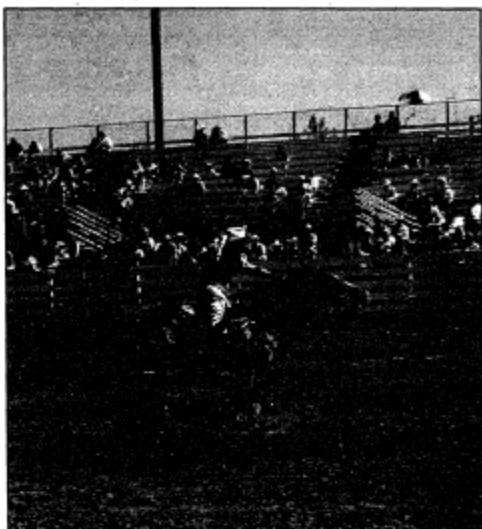
Kayser, a junior, who also competes in barrel racing, is excited about the team's chance to go and compete at the higher level.

"I am really excited about it, it was a personal accomplishment," Kayser, who placed sixth at regionals, said. "I am also confident in our team and our ability to compete. It's amazing considering three years ago Central was starting from the ground up and look where the team is now."

The three events the team will be competing in at the national tournament are barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping. Barrel racing consists of timing the rider and horse as they go around three barrels set in a triangle shape in the arena. In goat tying the cowgirl rides out to the middle of the arena where a goat is tied to a stake, jumps off the horse and ties the goat's legs.

Breakaway roping pits the rider versus a calf. The calf is let out of the gate before the rider, and the rider has to chase it down and rope it, let the rope go in order to reveal a flag that is tied to the rope. Once the judges see that, they stop the timing of the event.

"It's just a pure adrenaline rush for me," Kayser said of the barrel racing. "I count on my horse a lot and it takes a good amount of teamwork between the two of us to make it work."



Kelsey Kayser (top left) qualified for nationals in the breakaway roping event at the regional finals in Hermiston Ore. May 22-23. Katy Miller (left) rounds the barrel at the Lewis-Clark State College Rodeo barrel racing competition held in Asotin, Wash. earlier this season. Miller took first in barrel racing at regionals. Cori Sizemore (above) prepares to rope a calf in breakaway roping during one of this year's earlier competitions.

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## Student runs to save a life

by Jon Gaddat  
Staff reporter

Struggling through a marathon is tough. Battling leukemia is even tougher.

Cassie Gage, a freshman at Central, decided to play a role in the fight against leukemia. A casual runner, Gage received a mailing last December about a marathon to benefit leukemia research.

The Suzuki Rock n' Roll Marathon was held on Sunday, May 23 in San Diego. Although Gage had never trained or even thought about running in a marathon, she made a decision to run the marathon and to help make a difference.

Gage had some running experience from her high school days on the cross country team.

She had tapered off her running after high school, but began training soon after learning about this event. The thought of running a marathon, let alone finishing one, was intimidating, but it was certainly within reach.

Upon entering the race she received an "honor patient." Gage was sponsoring a 4-year-old girl from Wenatchee battling Leukemia. During her training, and even now, Gage receives updates on how her "honor patient" is doing with her struggle.

Gage even met the girl, which gave her even more inspiration to run the marathon.

"I decided it was the thing to do," Gage said.

Gage was placed in a team that

"I decided it was the thing to do... It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life."

— Cassie Gage

was essentially made up of people from the Greater Spokane area. She was also in contact with an assigned coach that the event provided her. The coach provided training, advice and motivation.

As if running the marathon was not enough to deal with, Gage also had to work around a sprained knee she endured about a month before the race. This inevitably forced her to greatly reduce her training. Her doctor strongly recommended that she not compete in the race since added stress on an injured knee could result in further damage. With the threat of continued injury, Gage traveled to San Diego with her coach and competed in the marathon.

The race was tough, and she ran the initial 11 miles pretty well. She finished the race in about five and a half hours, not allowing her injured knee, the lengthy course or extreme exhaustion to force her to quit.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," Gage said.

There were about 20,000 people who ran in the relatively new event, which has been around for about five years. This year, close to \$15 million was raised for leukemia research.

The prospective business major is juggling two jobs, school and a social life while in school but enjoys dedicating herself to fighting the battle against leukemia.

Gage is proud of the fact that she overcame many obstacles during her training and the race. However, she is very satisfied that she was very much a factor in providing help for the girl in Wenatchee and leukemia patients throughout the United States.

"I did it for the cause," Gage said. Gage is a perfect example of someone who looks past their own hectic life in order to make a difference in someone else's.

There are more than a few ways to help others and Gage chose to do it by running a marathon.

When similar events take place throughout the year, you can bet that Gage will be there too. Seeing how fulfilling the marathon was, she plans on taking advantage of other races and events that have a cure in mind.

Although the financial and time commitments were very trying, Gage would like to travel to San Diego again next year.

## A fond farewell to the dome



Dave Banuelos

When Seattle was granted a major league team in 1977, the decision was made to build an indoor stadium due to weather concerns. For the last 21 seasons the Seattle Mariners have called the Kingdome home.

A trip to the Kingdome for the average fan typically involves stale hot dogs smothered in hot mustard and relish, fresh roasted peanuts and an ice-cold, flat beer. The artificial fluorescent sun is out, the tuba man is playing "Louie, Louie," and you just stepped in the wad of bubble gum left by a careless little boy screaming at Ken Griffey, Jr.

You enter the tunnel dodging a fat guy crying "Programs!" and are greeted by a swath of unnatural greenery. As the game wears on, bleacher butt sets in, the watery beer

loses its charm, and the hotdog begins to swim in your stomach. You hardly care because you are too busy waiting in a ridiculously long bathroom line while the drunk guy in front of you speaks to his bladder, and the 7-year-old behind you grabs his groin, hops on one leg and begs his dad for permission to pee in the sink. When you finally do get back to your seat, you find yourself envying the chain-smoking fiends on the outer concourse. At least they can watch the sun set over Puget Sound.

The building shows its age with dirty restrooms, uncomfortable seats, and crypt-like ambience. It has never been a baseball park. There are seats where the players look like army ants. Seats strategically placed for viewers' pleasure behind pillars, and the "obstructed" view seats, which the organization usually refuses to sell on general principle.

On June 27 at 1:35 p.m. the Mariners will host the Texas Rangers in the final baseball game to be played in the concrete bubble. Many will say good riddance, but despite all its glaring flaws the Kingdome holds many great memories for Seattle baseball fans and players alike. So I say the words no one could ever expect: Thank you Kingdome.

Yes, Safeco Field will be a palatial shrine to the game. Yes, I hate AstroTurf as much as the next guy. And yes, the dome smells funny due to the enormous amount of rubber in the nacho "cheez." But think of all the positives.

In 1977 over 57,000 fans jammed the dome for the first game in Mariner history. Even

though the Mariners were beaten 7-0 by the California Angels that night, the fans of Seattle were happy just to have a major league team. Even if they were wearing uniforms so atrocious looking that even a colorblind moron wouldn't be caught dead in them.

Who can forget Tom Paciorek beating the mighty New York Yankees with game-winning home runs on back-to-back nights way back in 1981. It made champions out of a last-place team if only for a day.

There are scores of memorable achievements. Alvin Davis' rookie of the year award in 1984, Brian Holman narrowly missing a perfect game in 1990, followed by Randy Johnson's first no-hitter just a few months later. And even more memorable, the day that Ken

Griffey, Sr. and Ken Griffey, Jr. trotted onto the field together and made baseball history. The list goes on and on featuring forgettable names such as Phil Bradley, Rex Quinones, Jim Presley and Scott Bradley.

The coup de grace of all great Mariner moments has to be the dramatic pennant run of 1995. The team captured the city's heart, its first division championship, and was outs from going to the World Series. Amidst all the heroics, the thing I'll always remember is the tearful standing ovation the team was given by its fans even in defeat. It nearly lifted the roof off the old dump.

The Kingdome is not the ideal facility for the game. That much is made obvious just by walking into that dungeon. But before bidding the old dinosaur adieu, take some time to reflect back on the ghosts that will always fill its peanut shell-covered aisles. Baseball has a funny way of staying with you even if you are a casual fan, and home is where the memories are in life as well as baseball. Think of the Kingdome in the same way you would think of your first dorm room: as lousy as the facilities were, you came to think of it as home after a time.

I still remember attending my first game in June of 1986. It was little league day and I actually got to walk on the field and shake hands with the players.

When it finally came down to the game, the Mariners were pummeled by the New York Yankees 6-3. I was so excited I barely noticed the score. The hot dogs made me sick and the soda pop didn't help much either, but I didn't care.

Safeco Field is going to be a beautiful baseball park, but the fondest memories of Mariners' baseball will always reside in the soon-to-be pile of rubble across

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### Bishop tops the baseball awards

Senior outfielder Nathan Bishop and senior pitcher Scott Earle shared the Most Valuable Player award presented Tuesday during the baseball team's awards barbecue. Bishop received the Honorary Team Captain award as well. Senior Matt Acker was presented with the Most Inspirational award and senior Tom Ammerman received the Steve Orrell Coaches award. Ammerman is the second in his family to have been given the award. His uncle, Mike Ammerman, won the same award in 1978. Ammerman batted .404 and led the team in game-winning RBI's with 6 and stolen bases with 13. He also set a school record playing in 81 consecutive games over the past two seasons. Bishop was named a GTE All-American District VIII all-star earlier in the season as well. He also won Central's triple crown this year. Bishop led the team in batting (.427), home runs (6), RBI's (39), runs scored (35), slugging percentage (.687) and on-base percentage (.500). He also posted a .987 fielding average, committing just one error in 77 chances. His .427 batting average is the fifth best single-season average in Central's history. A total of 21 players were awarded letters, including Acker, Earle and Toby Russ, who each won their third letters.

### Softball team distributes awards

Senior Viki Wenzel was named the Most Valuable Player, Most Inspirational Player and shared the Honorary Team Captain award with senior Marie Smith at the team's banquet held May 16. Smith batted .310 this spring and led the team in sacrifice hits with seven. She also ranked third in RBI's with 12. A total of 20 players were awarded letters. Wenzel was the only team member to receive her fourth career letter as a Wildcat. Third year athletes were seniors Joelle Whitescarver and Amber Rikerd and juniors Nikki Bahr, Kaci Bridges, Andrea Knight and Brandy Tacia. Second-year lettermen were seniors Mari Amrine, Stacie Galbavy, Marci Meddock and Marie Smith, and junior Jessie Carson.

### Hoiby struggles at track and field nationals

Senior discus thrower Tony Hoiby, Central's only competitor at the NCAA Division II Nationals for track and field, finished 17th with a throw of 154-3 at the tournament held last Saturday in Emporia, Kan.

## OVER: 19 is enough as athletic director

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Couch of the Year three times.

His efforts paid off in October of 1997 when he was elected into the NAIA Hall of Fame in Kansas City, Mo.

With the departure of Central President Ivory Nelson approaching, Frederick sets stepping down as an advantage for the new president and athletic director.

Having a new president and A-D here at the same time will help move Central in the right direction," Frederick said.

While the university is gearing up for the year 2000, Frederick will still be involved in helping students-athletes out in the classroom.

In the fall I'll teach nine credits in the physical education department and then during winter and spring I'll devote my time to coaching softball," Frederick said.

The search for a new athletic director is expected to begin in the fall.

According to Sarah Shumate, vice president of Student Affairs, an information gathering process to identify the skills, qualities and characteristics needed in the next athletic director is now underway.

"We'll appoint an interim athletic director until we find the right person for the job. I don't know how long the process is going to take," Nelson said. "Whoever the new person is going to be, they are going to have to know something about fundraising."

When his resignation goes into effect in September, Frederick plans to catch up on lost quality time with his family.

"Now I can spend even more time with my family and seven grandchildren," Frederick said.



"Softball needs time and so does this job."

— Gary Frederick

## Sports trivia answers

1. Central 33, Western 26
2. The volleyball team finished with a record of 5-23
3. Those ruffians from Western, of course.
4. Marcus Mays (141 lbs.), Jack Anderson (157), Ben Orth (165) and Bart Orth (174).
5. Nathan Bishop with six round-trippers.

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